



# SKUNK FEEDING/HOUSING CHART

WEIGHT	AMOUNT PER SKUNK	STAPLE DIET ITEMS	SUPPLEMENTS	HOUSING
150g to 200g 3-4 weeks  (eyes open at 3 weeks)	1/8 cup of each of the diet items	<u>Dish 1</u> : 2 parts warm Esbilac poured over 1 part canned kitten & 1 part moistened cat food <b>Do not stir together</b>  <u>Dish 2</u> : Warm Esbilac*  Dish FEED TID	NONE (monitor for hand-feeding if weights go down)  When syringe feeding more than one skunk in group, do not dip nipple in jar of formula. Since rabies is transmitted in saliva, care should be taken to prevent saliva transfer on feeding implements.	Small k-cab with heat pad
200g to 250g  5-6 weeks	¼ cup of each of the diet items	<u>Dish 1</u> : 2 parts warm Esbilac poured over 1 part canned kitten & 1 part moistened cat food <b>Do not stir together</b>  <u>Dish 2</u> : Warm Esbilac*  Dish FEED BID	NONE	K-cab without heat pad
250g to 350g  7 weeks	¼ cup of each of the diet items	1. 1 part moistened cat food only 2. 1 part warmed Esbilac ** (poured over cat food)  Dish FEED BID	***½ chopped smelt each or equivalent in protein (mw's, pinkies, egg etc) 1 Tbsp of chopped fruit each  Sprinkle on top of Staple Diet	Wire cage with pans of dirt, hide box, fleecie in hide box, shredded paper
<p><b>*In very hot temperatures, remove formula dish after 1 hour to prevent rancidity.</b>  <b>**Formula should be offered until the smallest one in the group weighs 300g.</b>  <b>***Supplement should be offered when the heaviest one in the group weighs 250g.</b></p>				
350g to 400g  9 weeks	½ cup of each of the diet items	1. 1 part moistened cat food 2. 1 part dry Kitten kibble  FEED SID (PM)	1. ½ chopped smelt each or equivalent in protein (mw's, pinkies, quail etc) 2. Small pieces of fruit and veggies (2 Tbsp)	Wire cage with pans of dirt, hide box, shredded paper only
400g to 450g  10 weeks	¾ cup of each of the diet items	Dry Kitten Kibble Only  FEED SID ( PM)	Pieces of fruit and veggies Mice, fish, eggs, pan of dirt with ew's or mw's (No more than 10% of total diet or 2 Tbsp) OFFER @ PM FEED ONLY	Outdoor caging (SM6) w/ hide boxes, straw, dirt, branches, etc

Check for release @ 2 kg – must be afraid of people, stamping and lifting tail when people approach.